



The Examiner contacted Applicant's representative, Mr. Burton Americk, in order to propose an amendment to claim 1. Specifically, the Examiner proposed amending claim 1 in order to connect the process recited in the claim to the pressure differential recited in the claims. Specifically, the Examiner proposed amending the claims as follows:

Claim 1:

a. blending said product mixture with caprolactam followed by polymerizing the caprolactam to form a masterbatch and filtering the masterbatch in a melt through a filter".

b. replacing "polymerization product" with masterbatch

claims 19-21:

c. cancel claim 19 – masterbatch recited in the changes to claim 1

d. cancel claim 20 – should depend on claim 1 however the subject matter of this claim is already recited in claim 5.

e. cancel claim 21 – claim 1 already recites water removal before or during polymerization.

Proposed further amendments to the claims:

claim 1 : replace "the confluence" with "a confluence" and "the outer" with "an outer"

claims 2 and 4-5 replace "A process as claimed in claim 1" with "The process of claim 1"

claim 8 replace "includes" with "has:

claim 10 replace "pigments are added" with "pigments is added"

claims 13-17 replace "as claimed in" with "of"

claim 17 – correct typographical error "caprolactum" with "caprolactam"

claim 17 – replace "dispersant" with "dispersing assistant"

Permission for the above changes was given by Mr. Amernick of 7/29/2010